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In re Application of Brian M. Hauge et al. Application No. 09/754,853 Filed: January 5, 2001 Attorney Docket No. 16517.187

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.1.137(b), filed December 30, 2003, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed December 11, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 12, 2003.

The patent file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1638 for further processing.

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